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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 2, line 3, with the following paragraph: "The present application is a continuation-in-part application of United States patent application serial number 09/657,510 filed 7 September 2000 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,370,599 B1) and entitled "METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR OFFLOADING PROCESSING TASKS FROM SOFTWARE TO HAREDWARE," which is a continuation application of United States application serial number 09/097,169 filed June 12, 1998 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,141,705 and entitled "SYSTEM FOR QUERYING A PERIPHERAL DEVICE TO DETERMINE ITS PROCESSING CAPABILITIES AND THEN OFFLOADING SPECIFIC PROCESSING TASKS FROM A HOST TO THE PERIPHERAL DEVICE WHEN NEEDED," both of which applications is are incorporated herein by reference in itstheir entirety.